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MEMORANDUM FOR: ORD/LSR

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ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Request for your Criticism of the
Stanford Research Institute (SRI)
Results with the Random Stimulus
Generator

1. In previous discussions you indicated your opinion that the Random Stimulus Generator data produced during the course of the "Perceptual Augmentation Technique" ^{Contract} by Puthoff and Targ at SRI were of questionable value. You sighted information that it was your understanding the machines were not random and other procedural difficulties associated with the experimental design. I explained that summary data and procedures were given in progress reports #3 and #4 and during the December briefing which you, unfortunately, were unable to attend. Also, partially duplicative summaries may be found in the October 1974 Nature article published by Targ and Puthoff and in their final report for Contract 953653 under NASA sponsorship. The most complete reference is the final report being completed for our contract. Attached is an advanced copy of the relevant section of the final report.


2. After review of the randomness tests and the experimental procedures described in these reports, I can find no fundamental difficulty with the machine or the procedures. It appears that SRI has done a thorough enough job to allow them to make the conclusion that they have documented paranormal

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functioning within the stated statistical limits. Since I have no practical experience with designing and completing statistical experimental psychology tests, I could easily have overlooked some obvious mistake or omission which invalidates the SRI data and conclusions. Therefore I am requesting your aid. Specifically, are the machines random and the experimental procedures valid? In addition to the two specifics mentioned above, please locate and criticize any other "soft" areas so that the SRI research can be kept in proper perspective.


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